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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

THOMPSON, et al.

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FOR: LUBRICANT COMPOSITIONS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before the first paragraph, please insert the following new paragraph:

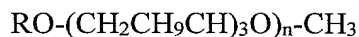
--This is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/GB99/03560` filed October 27, 1999 which designates the U.S., and that International Application was published under PCT Article 21(2) in English.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Amended) A lubricant composition comprising:

(1) a polyalkylene glycol having the formula



where R is an alkyl group with 1-4 carbon atoms and $n = 1$ to 35; and

(2) an ester selected from a polyol ester, an aliphatic diacid ester, an aromatic diacid ester or a trimellitate.

3. (Amended) A lubricant composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein $n=8$ to 30.
6. (Amended) A lubricant composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the polyalkylene glycol is present in the range of 90-10 weight percent and the ester is present in the range of 10-90 weight percent.
8. (Amended) A lubricant composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein an antifoaming agent in the range 2 to 100ppm is additionally present.

Please cancel claim 4 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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REMARKS

The specification has been amended to incorporate information regarding the priority application. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate limitations of claim 4. Also claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency of the claims. No new matter has been added.

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early and favorable notice of allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, a full first paragraph has been added.

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A lubricant composition comprising:
 - (a) a polyalkylene glycol having the formula
$$\text{RO}-(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_n-\text{CH}_3$$
where R is an alkyl group with 1-4 carbon atoms and $n = 1$ to 35; and
 - (b) an ester selected from a polyol ester, an aliphatic diacid ester, an aromatic diacid ester or a trimellitate.
3. (Amended) A lubricant composition as claimed in [either of claims 1 and 2] claim 1 wherein $n=8$ to 30.
6. (Amended) A lubricant composition as claimed in [any of claims 1 to 5] claim 1 wherein the polyalkylene glycol is present in the range of 90-10 weight percent and the ester is present in the range of 10-90 weight percent.
8. (Amended) A lubricant composition as claimed in [any of claims 1 to 7] claim 1 wherein an antifoaming agent in the range 2 to 100ppm is additionally present.